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In re application of :

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: AND ULTRASONIC FLAW  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 10, delete "wave" and substitute "--waves--" therefor.

Page 2, line 30, delete "a", (second occurrence).

Page 3, line 5, delete "an", (second occurrence).